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State of California
Department of Education.

February 2, 1903.

Mr. W. J. Kerr,
Pres. Agricultural College,
Logan, Utah.

Dear Sir,-

Replying to yours of the 29th ult., domestic science and art ~~is~~ is taught in many of our city schools, some having special departments for this line of work. Two of our State Normal Schools are also doing extensive work in manual training and domestic science, and a number of our high schools provide such courses. It is not made obligatory as a part of our public school work. Our schools are supported by state, county and district funds. The state fund is used exclusively for the payment of teachers' salaries. Teachers of domestic science, I think, are universally paid from special city or district funds. On Saturday last at San Luis Obispo we laid the corner stone of a State Polytechnic School, the purpose of which is to give extensive instruction in mechanical trades and in domestic science.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Kirk